

# Chicopee Register

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## Aiden Blanchard, John Coughlin Jr. memorialized at Medina Street launch

**By Cara McCarthy,**  
*Staff Writer*

CHICOPEE - The city of Chicopee erected two memorials honoring the lives of Aiden Blanchard and John “Jack” Coughlin Jr. at the Medina Street boat ramp dedication Friday, June 18.

Blanchard, an 11-year-old boy, from Chicopee went missing on Feb. 5 not far from the Medina Street boat ramp. His body was later found on April 15 in the Connecticut River.

As part of the dedication ceremony, the city created a bench overlooking the water in memory of Aiden. He is remembered by his mother, Michelle Blanchard, and two younger siblings, who were in attendance.

Michelle described her son as a “compassionate, sweet boy” who gave the “best hugs” and cared about the feelings of others. She said most importantly, Aiden would have wanted the river to be safe for everyone.

“Let this bench not only be a memorial to honor in his memory, but a memorial for all



The Medina Street boat ramp was dedicated to John “Jack” Coughlin, Jr. on June 18

those who have lost their lives in the river,” Michelle said.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau said he worked closely with Michelle and the Chicopee Police and Fire Departments to advocate for water safety.

Chicopee Police Department

ment Captain Rick Henry said several years ago the police department partnered with other local law enforcement agencies to create the Connecticut River Task Force, dedicated to promoting water safety.

Deputy Fire Chief Mat-

thew Cross said the renovation of the boat ramp will ensure the Chicopee Fire and Police Departments can access the river quickly and safely when needed under any kind of conditions.

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## Tree Warden of the Year honored



Christopher Scott, Chicopee's Tree Warden and City Arborist, who was named as the 2020 Tree Warden of the Year by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association.

**By Dalton Zbierski**  
*Editor*

CHICOPEE – New life was brought to the Chicopee Department of Public Works' Baskin Drive headquarters on June 22 when a Swamp White Oak was planted on the property.

The symbolic act was made in recognition of Christopher Scott, Chicopee's Tree Warden and City Arborist, who was named as the 2020 Tree Warden of the Year by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and

Foresters' Association.

Scott expects that the tree will reach 50 to 60 ft. in height and 60 ft. in width while thriving outside of the DPW headquarters. He said that Swamp White Oaks are highly tolerant of urban conditions.

“Trees that do well in very damp soils also do well in urban environments because the urban environment tends to really herd oxygen, which gets into the roots of the trees so the tree's more adapted to that

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## Thrive After 55 broadcast airs today

**By Dalton Zbierski**  
*Editor*

SPRINGFIELD – Making the most of everyday life is the focus of “Thrive After 55,” a television program that will air on WWLP-22 News and The CW Springfield on June 25 at 11 a.m.

State Sen. Eric Lesser of the First Hampden and Hampshire District will host the annual event, which is to be held virtually for the second consecutive year.



Today, at 11 a.m., State Sen. Eric Lesser of the First Hampden and Hampshire District is hosting “Thrive After 55,” a broadcast that promotes the well-being of seniors.

Geared towards seniors, the broadcast will include interviews and segments on mental health, nutrition, arts and culture, mindfulness and movement. The program will feature live interviews, with guests ranging from Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey to Master Yoga Instructor Sheila Magalhaes.

“This has been an unprecedented year and a time like no other to say the least, but it's been especially hard on seniors,” said Lesser. “The virus itself really targeted, in many respects, our senior population. The isolation that came with the pandemic has had a dramatic effect in terms of mental health.”

The program has tradi-

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# Chicopee Police, Fire Departments add new members



Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, far left, and Acting Police Chief Lonny Dakin, far right, welcomed new officers Kyle Robbins and Joseph Gandolfi onto the Chicopee Police Department during a June 21 swearing-in.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY BOBBI MABB, CHICOPEE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
City Clerk Keith Rattell swears in two new members of the Chicopee Police Department on June 21.



The Chicopee Fire Department's newest members were sworn in on June 17 in the City Hall Auditorium.

By Dalton Zbierski  
Editor

CHICOPEE – On June 21, the city of Chicopee welcomed in two new Police Officers, as Kyle Robbins and Joseph Gandolfi joined the Chicopee Police Department. With Mayor John Vieau and Acting Police Chief Lonny Dakin in attendance, City Clerk Keith Rattell swore the new officers in during a short ceremony in the City Hall Auditorium.

On June 17, three new recruits were sworn in as members of the Chicopee Fire Department. Jared Falconer, Rember Parada and Peter Marino are the department's newest members. Rattell swore in the new members during a ceremony in the City Hall Auditorium that was attended by Vieau and Fire Chief Dan Stamborski.



Jared Falconer, Rember Parada and Peter Marino were sworn in as members of the Chicopee Fire Department on June 17.

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## Gray House inducts three new members to Board of Directors, one from Chicopee

SPRINGFIELD – The Gray House inducted three new members to its Board of Directors for three-year terms at their virtual May meeting.

Jenn M. Putnam is a Chicopee resident. She recently retired and brings over 30 years of management experience, as well as over two decades of community service to The Gray House. Most recently, Jenn served as the nutrition program director at Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. Prior to that, she was the vice president of operations for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. She also served as executive director for the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield for 17 years. She is a past trustee of the College of Our Lady of the Elms and a former member and president of Elms College Alumni board of directors.

Amy C. LoMoscalo is a Hampden resident. She has been a nurse for over 20 years and is currently a clinical nursing instructor at the UMASS Amherst College of Nursing.

Michael P. Sweet is a West Springfield resident and a substance use disorder counselor with Behavior Health Network/The Opportunity House. Michael has worked with ecumenical communities across Western Massachusetts surrounding migrant rights and nuclear abolition. He is an Elms College graduate and currently working toward his master's degree in social work from Smith College.

"We are excited to welcome Amy, Jenn and Michael to The Gray House board, along with their unique perspectives and experiences working within our community. As we look toward the future and consider the ever-changing needs of our neighbors, we are certain their input will prove invaluable to our ongoing efforts," said Board President Margaret Betune

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“Tails and Tales,” Library’s summer reading program in-person again

By Cara McCarthy  
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Public Library’s summer reading program is coming back in person after having to go online last summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The theme for this year’s summer reading program is titled “Tails and Tales,” and Youth Services Specialist Corrina Stokes has created events centered around this theme to help keep children engaged and learning during the summer months.

The program will run from June 21 to Aug. 13.

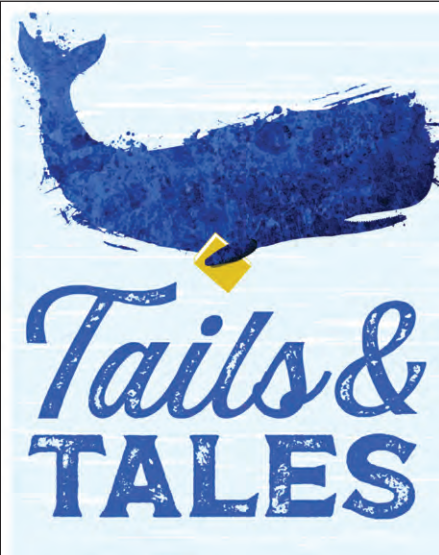
Stokes said every week this summer is dedicated to a different tailed creature from mermaids to red pandas.

Stokes said the library has really “embraced” outdoor programming, and the sense of enthusiasm helped with planning out the events for the reading program.

Some of the summer programs that the library has decided to hold outside include musical story times and an outside science program.

Stokes said musical story times are for children before they enter kindergarten; the program will occur every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

“We have all sorts of activities that are all about getting children moving and



“Tails and Tales” is the theme of this year’s summer reading program in the state of Massachusetts.

dancing and singing around,” Stokes said. “It’s very fun. It’s very high-energy. And it’s a really good time to get out and start your week.”

The library’s outdoor science program will occur every other week throughout the summer.

Stokes said while they are still planning how every week is going to look, she expects to facilitate a session focused on the sun and shadows. Another program will involve chemical reactions.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Chicopee Public Library on Front Street has reopened and is facilitating an exciting summer reading program that began on Monday of this week.

“These [science programs] are a fun time to come outside and do science that is harder to do inside because it might be messy,” Stokes said. “It’s just a good way for kids to experiment and learn on their own about different sciences.”

Stokes said learning year-round is always important and summer should not mean “stop learning.”

“Come and enjoy the library,” Stokes said. “Summer is a great time to explore

different books and things that you might not think you want to read during the school year. She also said it is an opportunity for children to learn independently about things an academic setting may not give them the opportunity to learn about.

Her biggest piece of advice for children in Chicopee was to “Try new things.”

Stokes added, “We are just glad we get to see everyone and celebrate this year’s summer reading again.”

Attention parents and caretakers: Chicopee meal sites open on June 28

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Public Schools Food Service Department’s summer feeding program starts on Monday, June 28th! FREE breakfast and lunch will be served to kids aged 0-18 at nine sites across the city.

Sites will distribute one breakfast and lunch per child each day. There will be no additional weekend meals given out

**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Belcher School, P.E. Bowe, Bowie

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Fairview, Litwin, Stefanik, Streiber

**1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Chicopee High, Chicopee Comp - \*Distribution will take place around the right side of the building

on Fridays.

Meals will be distributed grab-and-go style; the summer meals program will run through Friday, Aug. 20.

The Food Services Department hopes to see you next week and all summer long!

The meals schedule is subject to change, but is currently as follows:

No ID is required, and children do not need to be present at pick up. Please follow @chicopeefresh on Instagram and Facebook for the latest hours and locations, or visit the Food Service webpage at chicopeeps.org. Thank you for your support and for helping us spread the word! Your participa-

tion allows us to continue serving high quality and nutritious meals to Chicopee students. We hope to have the food truck on the road by the beginning of August to reach even more areas of the city, so stay tuned! And next week we’ll be announcing a schedule of kick off events and giveaways!

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts thanks community for cookie support

HOLYOKE (June 16, 2021) – Thanks to girl ingenuity and perseverance, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, does not have millions of unsold Girl Scout Cookies.

Thanks to consumer’s generosity and appetite for Thin Mints, Samoas, etc., Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts met this year’s cookie goals.

Thanks to our local community’s bigheartedness, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts donated a record 10,000+ boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to Barnes Air National Guard and USO Pioneer Valley this year and another 10,000+ boxes to local Girl Scouts to distribute to first responders and food banks in their communities.

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts wishes to thank all those

who have called and sent emails offering to help with a Girl Scout cookie surplus. The outpouring of support for the cookie program has been overwhelming. A donation-only site has been launched to support the Girl Scout Movement after an unprecedented year. Please visit digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/girlscouts2021 if you want to support the cookie program and donate cookies to first responders, food banks, and other worthy causes.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. College group

5. Small morsels of food

11. Actress Dunham

12. Puts a limit on

16. Used for baking or drying

17. Commercial

18. Zookeeper Bindi

19. Walk in one's sleep

24. The Great Lakes State

25. Winter sport

26. A thin layer on something

27. Peacock network

28. Give birth to a lamb or kid

29. "Too Scared to Cry" author

30. Nose

31. Friend

33. Country music legend Haggard

34. Curved

38. More deformed

39. Bleated

40. Set on its end

43. An aspect of Ra

44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)

45. Harsh, grating noise

49. \_\_ Francisco

50. Common Japanese surname

51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty

53. Football position (abbr.)

54. Not in the know

56. African antelope

58. Popular tech (abbr.)

59. Baseball teams get three of them

60. Make up one's mind

63. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)

64. Martens

65. Susan and Tom are two

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Excessively showy

2. Put an end to

3. Blood disorder

4. Ingredient in wine

5. Shellfish

6. Made smaller

7. We

8. The Treasure State

9. \_\_ Ekland, actress

10. Male parent

13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)

14. Dish of minced meat

15. Smothered laugh

20. Article

21. Atomic #12

22. Small parrot

23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet

27. French wine grape

29. Football stat (abbr.)

30. Sound unit

31. Where you sleep

32. University of Dayton

33. Miller beer offering

34. Feel embarrassed

35. Able to be estimated

36. Commune in NW France

37. Adult female chicken

38. Intergovernmental organization

40. Archaic term for until

41. That which is not sacred

42. Sound made in speech

44. Handgun (slang)

45. Fill up again

46. Evoke or awaken

47. Beam Me Up, \_\_!

48. Spider wasp genus

50. Headdress

51. Exclamation of surprise

52. Of I

54. Figures

55. Men's fashion accessories

57. Indicates position

61. Megabyte

62. The Prairie State

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## GUEST COLUMN

### When a spectacle is overdone

Seeing eye-to-eye with family or friends isn't always possible.

Right?

Sometimes there is polarized thinking. Putting "hot topic" issues aside, varying human heights certainly deters similar viewpoints. When a six-foot-three figure tries to see eye level with a person who is twelve inches shorter – for sure, perspectives differ.

However, are there problems when a couple shares look-alike views? Absolutely.

Even while sharing similar views, after months of mix ups and misfits, it came time to focus and fix the situation. We knew changes must be made.

If the necessary solutions didn't happen, perplexing times would keep reoccurring. Expanding our current myopic status to more peripheral outlooks would definitely help us see things better.

While mulling over the awkward situation, I recalled a recent eye-examination and suddenly saw the dawning of a solution to our visual domestic concerns.

During the pre-exam, I asked Ms. Opti Illusion, "How's my vision?"

"About the same as last year. Reading glasses help?"

"Yup, When I find them."

"Let's try a few dilating eye drops."

In the blink of an eye or two, the liquid drops were administered and then I was invited to sit and wait in another examining room for my long-time, light-humored, ophthalmologist.

Just before closing the door, he waved to a row of waiting older folks, and said, "Hi kids!"

"Your humor always brightens a patient's visit," I said.

"Yes, especially when I tell them that I improve their eyesight so they can see how much of the rest of their world appears."

"May I quote that?"

"Sure. Nothing I say is copyrighted."

The eye exam continued, thankfully, without any new, unexpected discoveries. Except for one that I admitted:

"I had to resolve a certain domestic situation."

He listened intently.

"The Hub and I share so much in common, including some of the same prescribed strength in our reading glasses. AND, the same choices in eyewear frames."

"What's the problem?"

"I had to make a different choice," I blubbered, "No more sharing or swapping. Finders keepers."

"I see..."

Reaching into my purse, I pulled out my new pair of reading glasses: zany, large, zebra-striped, black-rimmed frames bedazzled-with-sparkling-rhinestones!

Regaining my composure, I continued, amid a few giggles, "If and when The Hub wears them, I'd say that's when a spectacle is overdone."



Joan E. B. Coombs

## GUEST COLUMN

### Reinvigorate your strawberry patch and irises too

My strawberry patch has been producing very well this year. But pretty soon the glut will have passed and it will be time to renovate the patch. Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out 14 inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries. Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras or use them to start another patch. Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile. Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another. This is another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer. Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits. Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil. In our climate, this should



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and

come out of the ground with relative ease. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good. If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer. Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation. In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts. In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewed edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

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# City celebrates Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

By Dalton Zbierski  
Editor

CHICOPEE – June 21, 2021 was officially declared as being “Justin Fosberg Day” in the city of Chicopee. Mayor John Vieau made the proclamation during a Monday evening ceremony that celebrated Fosberg, the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee’s 2021 Youth of the Year.

Those who attended the June 21 gathering at the Club on Meadow Street applauded Fosberg, a 2021 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, for his commitment to furthering the Club’s mission.

Fosberg spent three years as a member of the Club, where he participated in the Chicopee Police Cadet Academy and served as Vice President of the Keystone Club, which provides leadership development opportunities for youths aged 14 to 18.

Winning Youth of the Year honors was



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CHICOPEE  
Jason Reed, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, presented Justin Fosberg with Youth of the Year honors on June 21.

unexpected for Fosberg, who was completely caught off guard.

“I was surprised and astounded. This award means a lot in terms of what it speaks about a person’s character and drive,” said Fosberg. “The Club has positively impacted my life by giving me a place outside of school and a good group of adults who truly care for each and every teen that goes through their program.”

Fosberg, a volunteer at his local church, plans to attend Lincoln Technical Institute in East Windsor, CT this fall. He aspires to work on cars and open his own business while awaiting an opportunity to join the military and become a United States Marine.

Fosberg is proud to be recognized and hopes that his time spent at the Club will inspire other members to work hard and persevere both in and outside of school. The 2021 Youth of the Year credited the staff members and volunteers who make the Club special.

“The one thing that really speaks to me the most about my club experience is the relationship I have formed with two of the staff members, James Gutierrez and Wretha Fontaine. I know that they have put up with a lot of my pushback and attitudes, but they have also been there for me and are always available to talk when I am upset or need help with problems, whether in school or at home,” said Fosberg, who expressed gratitude for being able to attend the Club’s Teen Center.

Club staff commended Fosberg on being a hands-on learner, a hard worker and dedicated to improving each and every day. Executive Director Jason Reed explained why Fosberg was worthy of the award.

“Justin is a phenomenal young man that embodies the characteristics of Youth of the Year. From his leadership amongst his peers, to his academic success, to his perseverance to rise above adversity, Justin is the epitome of what a Youth of the Year represents,” said Reed.

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Michelle said her hope is that schools will start implementing water safety into their curriculum.

Several speakers at the boat launch, including Vieau, said the ramp would not have been possible had it not been for Coughlin’s insistence.

Coughlin, an Agawam resident and active community service member, according to his family, died in January after being struck by a car. His son, Sean Coughlin, said his father lived for the moment to see the boat ramp completed.

Sean said his father had the energy

of a 30-year-old and even he couldn’t keep up with his father walking if he was jogging.

Vieau said the advocacy he saw from John is “something extremely special.”

Agawam Mayor William Sapelli said John was someone who always thought about the environment. John was constantly picking up trash on the side of the road and along the river because “he was always thinking about the environment.”

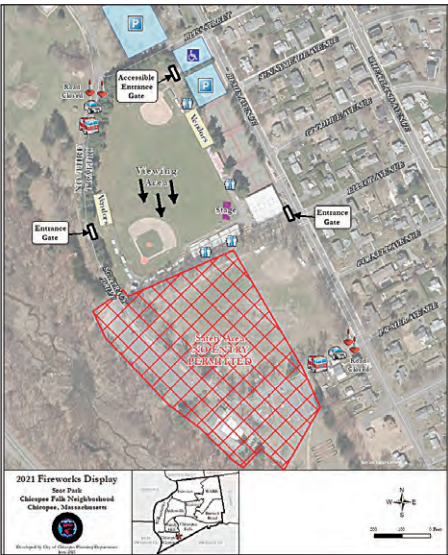
Vieau said, “I hope the families can find some sort of comfort from what happened here today.”

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BY CARA MCCARTHY  
On June 18, a bench at the Medina Street boat ramp was named in honor of the late Aiden Blanchard.



## Annual fireworks celebration set for June 26

CHICOPEE – The City of Chicopee’s annual firework display will be held on Saturday night June 26th with a rain date of Sunday night, June 27th. Fireworks will start at dark around 9:20 p.m. Fireworks display sponsored by major sponsors Polish National Credit Union and Westfield Bank. Also sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Florence Bank, and Paul Bunyan’s Farm & Nursery. Come join the Chicopee Parks & Recreation Department for a fun night out and enjoy our annual event held at Chicopee’s Szot Park. There will be a new set-up this year as the fireworks will be shot off from the upper pool parking lot along Sgt. Tracy Drive to be displayed over the tree belt, best viewed from inside the stadium. Once the fireworks are on-site to be set up, Sgt. Tracy Drive will be closed for the day to both vehicle and foot traffic for safety purposes. Also, the upper pool parking lot, basketball courts, spray pad, and a portion of the upper field will be closed to the public for safety purposes. Food, Face Painting, and Novelty Vendors will be available for your enjoyment and pleasure. There will be a live band performance by the Dan Kane



Singers that will add to the festivities, starting around 6:30 p.m. inside the stadium. For information, please visit our website at [www.chicopeerec.com](http://www.chicopeerec.com) or our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (413) 594-3481.

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that airs every Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.

While the event won’t be in person, the knowledge that it will present is more pertinent than ever before. Lesser described “Thrive After 55” as being a “community effort,” one that will touch on a range of material.

“It’s a mix of more serious topics, a mix of lighter topics, but the scene this year is definitely about rejuvenation and revitalization,” said Lesser. “For me, it’s one of the highlights of the year. It’s fun for us because these are the organizations and people we work with all year long so the ability to showcase them and partner with them is really great.”

In addition to Healey, who will present on cyber-crimes, and Magalhaes, owner of Heartsong Yoga in East Longmeadow, the program will feature Michael Bobbitt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Jennifer Fields, Asst. Professor of Exercise Science at Springfield College, and John Roberson, Vice President of the Children and Families Center for Human Resources.

The program can be streamed on Lesser’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, but the television broadcast is expected to reach the largest audience.

Lesser emphasized the need to present the program in a manner that makes it easily accessible to individuals of all age demographics.

“This will be on [WWLP-22 News] so all people will need to do is watch TV. You don’t have to finagle with Zoom or get web access. You don’t have to use Skype; you don’t have to use Google Meet. You can just turn on your TV and watch,” said Lesser, who encourages children and grandchildren to tune in and learn how to better support their loved ones.

Next year, Lesser is highly confident that the event will occur in-person, as it has in past years. This year, residents can expect an exciting virtual program that tackles subject matter that is relevant to everyone.

For more information, one can visit [senatorlesser.com/thrive](http://senatorlesser.com/thrive).

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Senior center announces July programming

CHICOPEE – The RiverMills Center, Chicopee’s Senior Center, located at 5 W Main St., has announced its July slate of programming. Several exciting activities and developments are listed below.

RiverMills Center Reopening!

Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center will reopen its doors to the public on July 6th. The Senior Center closed in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The centers hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Programming will be limited throughout the month of July. As of August, all programming, including fitness classes, will resume. For the time being, all program-

ming will require registration, including fitness classes. Unvaccinated people must wear a mask. Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask, but should do what makes them feel comfortable. All programming is subject to change, and cancellations may happen. Inside congregate meal dining is planned to resume in September. The curbside meal pickup program will continue throughout the month of August, which is open to Chicopee seniors. If you have any questions, please call 534-3698.

Skimming Devices Zoom Presentation

The Chicopee Council on Aging will

offer a Zoom presentation on Skimming Devices on Tuesday, July 13 at 11am.

Robin Putnam, with the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, will present on credit card skimming devices and how to spot them at gas stations and ATMs and how to avoid them. This will be a Zoom presentation that you can join from home or you can join in from the Senior Center as the presentation will be broadcast here as well. You must register in advance by calling 534-3698 or by stopping by RiverMills Center.

Adding More Fruit & Veggies to Your Diet Zoom presentation

The Chicopee Council on Aging

will offer the Zoom presentation “Adding More Fruits & Veggies to Your Diet” on Wednesday, July 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Ascentria Care Alliance will lead this workshop and will give participants tips on how to add more fruits and veggies to traditional meals, as well as recommendations for aerobic and strength training activities. Vegetarian options will also be reviewed! This will be a Zoom presentation that you can join from home or you can join in from the Senior Center as the presentation will be broadcast here as well. You must register in advance by calling 534-3698 or by stopping by RiverMills Center.



On June 22, a Swamp White Oak was planted outside of the DPW headquarters on Baskin Drive.

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type of situation. They’re just really pretty trees, resilient trees, and this tree should be here a long time after I’m gone,” said Scott.

Mayor John Vieau honored Scott during Tuesday morning’s gathering. Scott considered his recognition by the city and MTWFA as being an incredible blessing.

Scott has served the city of Chicopee in his position since 2013. Shortly after graduating from the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Scott began his employment with the city by running a tree crew.

He left temporarily to work for his family’s logging business but returned to Chicopee soon after and has been employed by the municipality ever since.

In Chicopee, Scott played a significant role in expanding the city’s forestry operations, growing a two-man team into a six-person department. He helped Chicopee complete its first ever tree inventory and led the charge to bring a second boom truck and log truck to the city.

Since becoming a city employee, Scott has worked with the Planning Department and City Council to plant more than 1,100 trees. On multiple occasions, Scott has expressed his sincere love for his occupation and urged more residents to embrace the value of preserving and planting trees.

“As much as I like to keep my circle very small and would be very happy just getting dirty doing tree work with my guys every day, if I truly love what I do, I have to be an advocate for what we do and foster interest from others, whether it is to get people to understand the benefits of trees or get younger generations to see what an awesome career path this industry can be. I truly believe that there is no better community than those that have chosen to make caring for trees their career,” said Scott.

Founded in 1913, the MTWFA is the oldest urban and community tree protection organization in the country. The Tree Warden of the Year Award was established in 2002 in memory of the late Seth Swift, a longtime tree warden in West Springfield.



Christopher Scott speaks on June 22 after being honored as 2020 Tree Warden of the Year by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens’ and Foresters’ Association.

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Residents gathered at the DPW headquarters on Baskin Drive on Tuesday morning to honor 2020 Tree Warden of the Year Christopher Scott.

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Chicopee’s Tree Warden and City Arborist Christopher Scott poses with his team on June 22.

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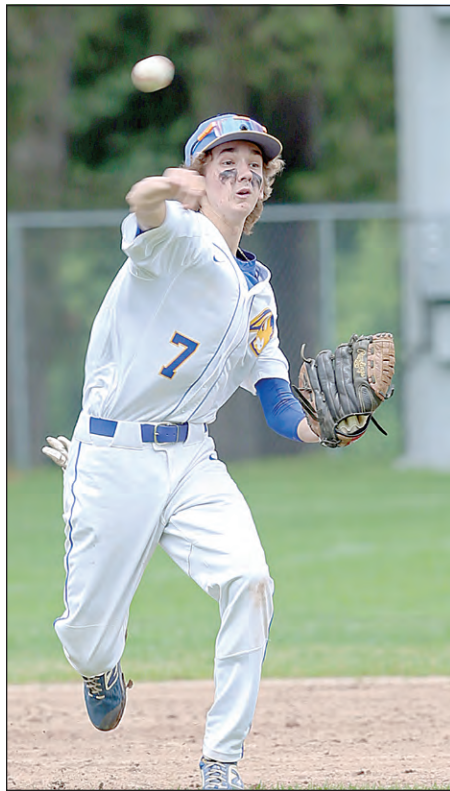
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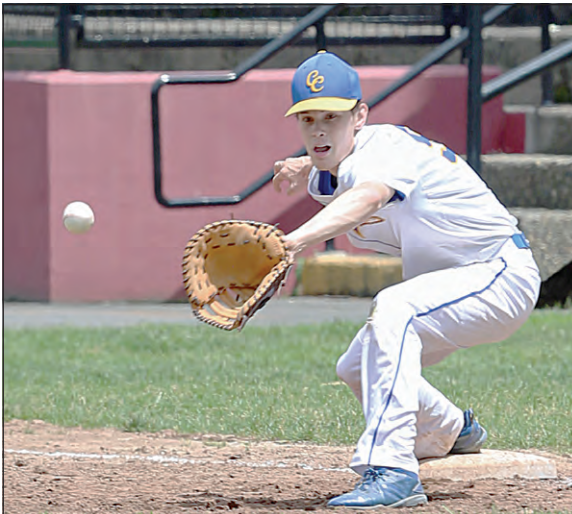


Richard Starsiak makes a strong throw over to first.

CHICOPEE – Last week, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School baseball team completed a regular season that saw them go 5-7 under only a league schedule. The Colts then faced Westfield in the tournament preliminary round and lost 5-0. The game was marred by an incident involving racial slurs being shouted at Comp players. Few details were released by the schools in the incident, but it occurred at Westfield's Bullens Field and resulted in the game being suspended last Friday. The game was restarted on Saturday morning with no fans in attendance.

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Landon Himmelreich cleanly fields a ground ball.



Cal Bullins watches the ball into his glove at first base.



Pitcher Nicholas Farrell throws for the Colts.

## Oliveira remembered as Tri-County rivals clash

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—Paul Marcinek and Karl Oliveira were teammates on the St. Joseph's baseball team, which competes in the Tri-County League, for more than twenty years.

During a pregame ceremony held prior to the start of last Friday night's home opener against archrival Peoples Bank, Marcinek spoke about his longtime friend and teammate, who passed away unexpectedly on April 26.

"Karl Oliveira was Palmer. Karl Oliveira was St. Joe's. The loss of Karl Oliveira cannot be measured in words," said Marcinek following the game, which was won by Peoples Bank, 3-2 in eight innings. "To have the honor and the privilege to play baseball with Karl for so long was something very special. This was a very meaningful night for everyone here."

Besides being a player/manager for St. Joe's, Oliveira was also a member of the East Longmeadow Navigators in the National Division.

One of the things that Marcinek told the large crowd during the ceremony, which was followed by a moment of silence, was what it used to be like playing baseball games at St. Joe's Ballpark in front of large crowds on Friday nights during the sum



Paul Marcinek speaks about teammate and longtime Tri-County League player/manager Karl Oliveira during a pre-game ceremony last Friday night.

The St. Joe's players wore #9, which was Karl's uniform number during batting practice. A Peoples Bank uniform with the #9 on the back was hung on the fence near their bench.

Jim Long, who was the manager for Peoples Bank, passed away during the season several years ago.

Karl Oliveira was listed in the sixth spot in the St. Joe's batting order as the designated hitter.

He was replaced by pinch hitter Josh Skowyrz in the bottom of the second inning.

"Karl needed to be in the starting line-up on the night that we honored his memory," Marcinek said. "Everything that was done tonight was very purposeful."

Following the first pitch of the game, the ball was presented to Karl's son, Nathan, who was

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## Blue Sox win pair of comeback games

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (9-4) hosted their Father's Day celebration against the Bristol Blues (3-11) on Sunday night, where they made a major comeback in the ninth inning to win the game 4-3.

In collaboration with the Trey Mancini Foundation, fans wore blue in support of colorectal cancer research. Mancini is an alum of the Valley Blue Sox organization, competing on the 2011 roster, and was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the eighth round (249th overall) of the 2013 MLB First Year Player Draft. In 2020, Mancini was diagnosed with colon cancer, and the Blue Sox honored his time in the Valley at the game on Sunday, where fans could be seen donning blue ribbons in support of the cause.

The Blues, who have been on the bottom of the Southern Division standings, came to MacKenzie looking for revenge after their 11-0 loss to Valley on June 16th.

The game started fast for the Blues, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. The Blue Sox were unable to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning, when Jonathan Kelly of Xavier University had an RBI single.

The Blues responded in the top of the fifth inning, pushing their lead to 3-1. Valley then went to score in the bottom of the sixth, but the game remained scoreless until the ninth

inning, when Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) made yet another game-altering play that resulted in two RBIs to come from behind and win the game.

"It feels good to come back and get the win," said Andrews, who has been a ninth inning hero for the Blue Sox in multiple games this season. "We didn't have the best game hitting in the first eight innings, so I'm glad we could get it done in the ninth."

### Blue Sox 7, Westerners 6

The Valley Blue Sox (8-3) faced the Danbury Westerners (5-6) in their second matchup of the season Saturday night at MacKenzie Stadium, where they came back to win the game 7-6.

The theme for the 7:05 p.m. game was School's Out, and the night was all about the kids, featuring a Bubble DJ and face painter in attendance.

The first time the Blue Sox faced the Westerners, they took the game by a score of 12-7.

The Friday night game started off slow for the Westerners, with two strikeouts dished out in the first inning from Aaron Hubbell of Belmont University. The bottom of the second brought the first run of the game from a Brian Hart (Marist) RBI that brought Nate Thomas (St. Josephs) home. Then, after great plays from the Valley outfielders to prevent the West-

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# Coby wins second straight race

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. -- Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby rocketed to his second straight victory at Riverhead Raceway on Sunday, June 20, to cap what was a remarkable week for the Connecticut native.

Coby won the inaugural Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) event at Stafford Motor Speedway on June 12, then announced his NASCAR Camping World Truck Series debut will take place for GMS Racing at Bristol Motor Speedway in September.

On Sunday, in the Buzz Chew Chevrolet Cadillac 200 at Riverhead -- a race postponed one day due to weather -- Coby dominated -- leading 149 laps en route to his 31st career Whelen Modified Tour win. The victory tied Coby with Jeff Fuller for fifth on the all-time wins list and started a streak at the one track



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Doug Coby picked up a win last Sunday at Stafford Motor Speedway.

where victory eluded him for so many years.

"We hit on something here," Coby said. "It's an awesome deal for our

Mayhew Tools team to come here to Riverhead and keep grinding. In Victory Lane for round two at Riverhead. Who would've thought that Doug Coby

would be in contention to sweep Riverhead three times in a year when we come back in September? It's so hard here, and we've hit on something."

The victory was Coby's second of the Whelen Modified Tour season, and helped him climb a little bit closer in the championship standings with six races complete. Coby missed the event at Oswego Speedway on June 12 to compete with SRX -- therefore, he was nearly 50 points out of the lead entering the race, in eighth place. With the win, Coby jumped to fourth, and sits 41 points back heading for the next event.

Doug Coby will return to the track on Wednesday, June 30, at Seekonk Speedway with the Tri Track Open Modified Series. The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is Saturday, July 17, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

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the senior first baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team this past spring.

The St. Joe's starting pitcher against Peoples Bank was right-hander Jon Miarecki.

"John was always our starting pitcher whenever we played home games on Friday night's," Marcinek said. "He returned for tonight's game and I'm not sure how many more games he'll be starting for us this season."

Miarecki, who graduated from Ware High School, helped the Indians baseball team win a couple of championship titles back in the 1980's.

Marcinek, who played baseball at Quaboag Regional, lost in the state semifinal game against Miarecki and the Indians at St. Joe's Ball Park.

Two other players, who returned for St. Joe's last Friday night were Russ Lloyd and Jay Eldridge.

Eldridge drove home both of St. Joe's runs in last Friday's game with singles to center field. Both runs were scored by second baseman Ryan Magni.

The rivalry between the two Tri-County league team is like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry. The members of both teams do have a tremendous amount of respect for each other.

"If we're the Red Sox, they (Peoples) would be our Yankees," Marcinek said. "They always win and always put a quality team on the field. To win a championship title in this league, you always have to go through Peoples Bank. They're in the finals every year."

Peoples Bank has won the last seven Tri-County League titles.



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Jon Miarecki pitches for St. Joe's.

Jon Ferry, who played for Peoples Bank in 2019, has returned to St. Joe's this season as a player/coach.

Jon's younger brother, Joe, is in his second season as the Peoples Bank player/manager.

"Jon used to play for St. Joe's before he decided to play for my team in 2019,"



Devin Slattery makes a throw to first for PeoplesBank.

Joe Ferry said. "When Karl passed away, he felt the need to go back over there and be a player/coach. I can't respect him more as his brother for doing that. I would like to be teammates with my older brother for another season before we stop playing baseball."

Joe Ferry also played for St. Joe's

and was a member of the 2006 championship team.

"I played with Karl from 2004 until 2008," said Ferry, who graduated from Palmer High School. "Karl was a great guy and it's a huge loss for our entire league. He's a legend in Palmer. This has always been a friendly rivalry and he spoke highly of everyone on our team. It's always a lot of fun playing against St. Joe's."

St. Joe's (1-1) held a 2-0 lead entering the top of the sixth inning in last Friday's contest.

Peoples Bank scored a pair of runs in that frame, which tied the game at 2-2.

Both teams stranded runners in scoring position in the seventh inning.

Dave Clark, who was a pinch hitter for Peoples in the top of the sixth, beat out an infield hit leading off the top of the eighth inning. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a balk. Then short-stop Devin Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019, flied out to left field. Clark did not immediately break towards the plate on the play, but when the left fielder's throw home skipped away from the catcher, he was able to score the go-ahead.

Righty Garrett Baker, who had replaced Peoples starter Jake Graveline with one-out in the sixth, wound up being the winning pitcher. He walked St. Joe's Brandon Magni with one-out in the seventh before retiring the next two batters with a strikeout and flyout ending the ballgame.

"This was a very big win for us," said Joe Ferry, who's team entered this week's action with a 2-0 record. "It was one of those games where we were challenged."

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erners from making their mark on the scoreboard, Brenden Hueth (St. Josephs) sprinted his way to first and slyly stole second, bringing Jack Housinger (Xavier) home.

The game evened out from a two-run home run from Matt Zaffino (Fairfield) of the Westerners. The score stood at 2-2 heading into the fourth inning, where Valley was able to score again off of a Travis Holt RBI double.

The lead was short-lived. The Westerners then scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead by a score of 5-3. The Blue Sox stayed in the deficit for a majority of the game, where both teams were unable to score any runs against each other from the sixth to ninth innings.

The bottom of the ninth saw new life from the Blue Sox, when Nate Thomas and Travis Holt were both brought home off of a Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) RBI, which tied the game at 5-5.

"Cole is always coming through,"

said Head Coach Hez Randolph, "he has a knack for getting that big hit. He's becoming one of those guys that you want to have a bat in his hands in a clutch situation."

The game was the first in the Blue Sox' 2021 season to go into extra innings. In the top of the tenth, Danbury scored a run, making the game 6-5. Both dugouts were wild, after an umpire mistakenly called Travis Holt out at first. The Westerners celebrated on the diamond before being told to return to their dugout to finish the game.

The (almost) four-hour game came to a conclusion at the end of 10 innings, when Nate Thomas bombed one to right field with two runners on, and the outfielder couldn't catch it.

"I want to commend our guys for sticking with it and fighting to win it. It's really tough, especially in summer ball, when everyone is new and there aren't really ties to the team, so it's special to see that the guys really care. That's awesome." Said Randolph.

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Colleges announce graduates, President’s and Dean’s List recipients

Chicopee resident named to Spring 2021 Dean College President’s List

FRANKLIN -- Kelsey Bennett of Chicopee has earned a place on the President’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students named to the President’s List have demonstrated a series commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Area students named to President’s List at WNEU

SPRINGFIELD -- Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following Chicopee students are among more than 460 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 President’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Maherah Zaheer Shaikh - Pre-Pharmacy/Doctor of Pharmacy from Chicopee

Lyndsey Amber Brennan -BSBA in General Business from Chicopee

Lexus Alyssa McCollaum - BS in Criminal Justice from Chicopee)

Connor J. McDowell -- BSBA in Arts & Entertainment Management from Chicopee

Julie M. Miner - BS in Criminal Justice from Chicopee

Daniel T. Wolf - BSE in Computer Engineering from Chicopee

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Graham James Topor -BA in Law & Society from Chicopee

Jesse Matthew Yel- BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Chicopee

Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT - The following students from Chicopee received degrees from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May: Samantha Carrier, Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Accelerated; Victoria Dazblaz, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences; and Samantha Sawicki, Master of Health Science in Biomedical Sciences

Chicopee residents on Bridgewater dean’s list

BRIDGEWATER - The following Chicopee residents were named to the dean’s list for the spring semester at Bridgewater State University:

Emma A. Bresnahan, Wilfredo David and Adam C. Juchniewicz.

Chicopee students named to Dean’s List at WNEU

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 750 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Magen Ann Lindsey - BSBA in Accounting from Chicopee

Stephanie A. Mahar - BA in Law & Society from Chicopee

Jason Fernando Martins - BS in Actuarial Science from Chicopee

Kyle W. Wolanski - BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Chicopee

Rosanna Maria Alfarone--BA in Psychology from Chicopee

Amber Grace Chartier -BS in Criminal Justice from Chicopee

Jessica Lyhnn Lindsey - -BS in Biology from Chicopee

Christian Davis Roberts - BSBA in General Business from Chicopee

Kelsey Alyssa Stewart - BA in Psychology from Chicopee

Morgan F. Wojcik- BSE in Industrial Engineering from Chicopee

Ceara Michelle Wright - BA in Psychology from Chicopee

Zainab F. Annasir - BA in Psychology from Chicopee

Emma F. Laughlin - BA in Communication/Public Relations Concentration from Chicopee

Tuan M. Nguyen - BS in Computer Science from Chicopee

Emily Noel Rockwal--BSBA in Finance from Chicopee

Sean P. Buxton--JD from Chicopee

Casey J. Croteau--JD from Chicopee

Austyn M. Denette--BS in Computer Science from Chicopee

Sarah M. Dziedzic- - Pre-Pharmacy/ Doctor of Pharmacy from Chicopee

Breanna Lee Lowery - BA in Political Science from Chicopee

Sebastian Edward Manning - BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Chicopee

Nicholas Joseph Messer - BS in Health Sciences from Chicopee

Bailey Marie Prendergast- BS in

Criminal Justice from Chicopee

Shames J. Radi -Doctor of Pharmacy from Chicopee

Matthew T. Ramcke -BA in Economics from Chicopee

Brayden Stallman named to Dean’s List at Muhlenberg College

ALLENTOWN, PA -- Congratulations to Brayden Stallman of Chicopee (01020) for being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Endicott College announces Dean’s List local students

BEVERLY - Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Spring 2021 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students from Chicopee have met these requirements:

Sloan Friedhaber, Communication, daughter of Shalene Friedhaber and Todd Friedhaber

STCC celebrates 2021 graduates with a festive on-campus parade

SSPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College students who spent a year studying mostly from home arrived on campus in cars for a parade celebrating their accomplishments in the face of pandemic-related challenges.

Many of the roughly 200 graduates drove through the campus on June 3 wearing their caps and gowns in cars decorated with balloons, streamers and signs congratulating them. Faculty, staff, administrators and members of the Board of Trustees lined Mary Killeen Bennett Way, which is the main road on campus, to cheer on graduates.

“The parade for us as students is a way of saying we beat the pandemic because we didn’t let it ruin our accomplishment,” said STCC graduate Benjamin MacKay of Hampden. “The parade is like the winners circle for us. Seeing all the faculty and staff that got us here congratulating us is a very rewarding experience. It’s like a rite of passage, and the beginning of our lives.”

Alessande Anderson of Springfield, who serves as the student representative to the Board of Trustees, said she and her graduating class were thrilled STCC organized a parade in their honor. The parade comes after a year of mostly online learning. Typically, STCC holds a commencement for graduates at the MassMutual Center in Springfield in the spring. Due to the pandemic, the college is holding a virtual commencement that will be streamed on YouTube on June 18 at 6 p.m.

“COVID rules and regulations have been lifting, but we still can’t have our normal MassMutual celebration with the stage and everything,” Anderson said. “Luckily enough, the STCC community is just so

great that they found a way to work around it.”

Coming to campus to support the students were dozens of STCC’s faculty and staff including President John B. Cook and members of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee and Board Vice Chair Elizabeth “Betty” Oleksak-Sposito applauded the students as they drove by.

“So happy to have attended the graduation parade to celebrate the STCC class of 2021,” Oleksak-Sposito said. “After studying through the COVID-19 pandemic, the students deserved a joyous event for their success achieved during tough times. It was fun waving and cheering them as they passed by.

Oleksak-Sposito, like some of the faculty and President Cook, wore academic regalia to honor the students.

Cook said, “The parade was a wonderful way to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. We are so proud of them for persevering during a challenging year. The air was filled with energy and positivity. It really felt like a sign of good things to come as we work to move past the pandemic.”

STCC, the only technical community college in Massachusetts, is known for hands-on programs in the fields of health and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as well as transfer programs in liberal arts. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, STCC in 2021 was ranked as the fourth best community college in the nation and second best in Massachusetts, according to Academic Influence, a college ranking system.

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Students celebrate in cars as they make their way through the STCC campus during a drive-through parade on June 3.

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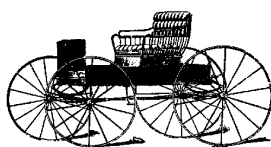
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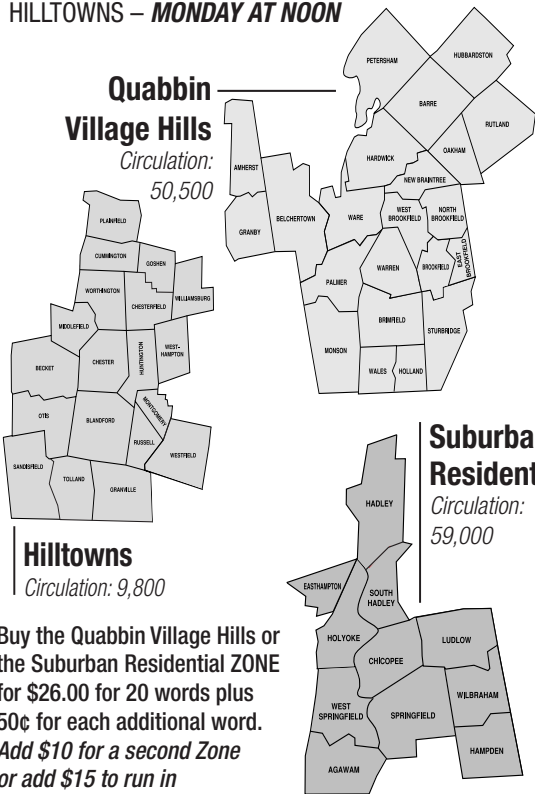
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**Docket No. HD21P1135EA**  
**Estate of:**  
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**Date of Death: 06/16/2016**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

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**Docket No.**  
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WITNESS, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the twenty-second day of June two thousand and twenty-one.

Attest:  
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FIGHT HUNGER IN CHICOPEE

New Stop & Shop Floral Bouquet Program to benefit Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry

CHICOPEE – Fight hunger in Chicopee with a simple purchase of a floral bouquet! Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, Inc. has been selected by local Stop & Shop store leadership as the benefiting hunger organization in the brand-new Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of July!

The Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, which launched in February 2021, is designed to fight hunger in local communities with every floral bouquet purchased. Every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle

sticker sold supports a hunger organization local to the Stop & Shop in which it was purchased. According to Feeding America, every \$1 donation to a local hunger organization can provide 10 or more meals to someone in need.

Every month, at every Stop & Shop a different local hunger organization is selected to benefit from the sale of these special Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquets. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry was selected as the July beneficiary by local Stop & Shop leadership at the store located at Memorial Drive.

Lorraine's will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at this Stop & Shop location in July.

"What a beautiful way to give back, help to fight hunger in our local community, and make a room, home or someone's day even brighter," said Ruben Reyes, Executive Director of Lorraine's. "We are thrilled to be participating in this innovative program that



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\$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet

makes it possible for shoppers to give back to local hunger organizations like ours as part of the regular weekly shopping routine."

Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry is a non-profit based in Chicopee, MA. Lorraine's works to provide ac-

cess to food with dignity and respect. Learn more about their mission by visiting [lorrainessoupkitchen.com](http://lorrainessoupkitchen.com).

For more information about the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit [stopandshop.bloomin4good.com](http://stopandshop.bloomin4good.com).

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